



BOWLING IN - Simon Sterling in full stride for East Ardsley against Stanley on Saturday (dm9178c27).
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Sterling heads up Ardsley's winning chase

By Stuart Hodgson

BOTTOM of the table Stanley must have given East Ardsley something of a shock on Saturday when despite clever juggling of his bowling resources Mark Heald could not get any real control.

The visitors steadily scored without looking in any real difficulty and were able to post a challenging total, but East Ardsley came through in the end to keep up their promotion challenge in third place in the Central Yorkshire Division One.

Opener Howard Knapper was the first to fall for Stanley when he was brilliantly run out by the youngest player on the field, Danny McTernan, who was the best fielder on view all afternoon.

With the score then on 31-1 the appearance of Paul Page saw the score steadily increase until with 93 on the board and things looking ominous Tariq Hafeez claimed two wickets in two balls. A third fell four runs later and East Ardsley were back in the contest.

The removal of Page after he had made 62 was encouragement enough for the home side and they went on to remove the last wicket in the very last over with Stanley all out for 192.

Heald led the attack from the front as he took 5-81 in 20 overs and fine support came from Hafeez with 4-71 off 17 overs.

East Ardsley paced their reply well and made the tricky target look reasonably comfortable as they



BOWLING ATTACK - Mick Pearson in action for East Ardsley on Saturday. (dm9178b27)
got home with six wickets to spare.

Simon Sterling was in fine form, top scoring with 76, and there were good efforts too from Julian Smith (43 not out) and Geoff Hunt (31) as the home side claimed another six points in their bid for promotion to the Premier.